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"There's so much good in the worst  
of us, and there's so much bad in the  
best of us, that it doesn't behoove any  
of us to speak ill of the rest of us."

El Dorado is preparing for a  
huge Kaffir Corn Carnival this  
fall. Seward county ought to  
take note of this and get busy  
next year.

Down in Meade County a num-  
ber of wide cracks opened up in  
the surface of the earth. The  
cracks at the surface of the  
ground are wide enough to swal-  
low a horse, and increase in width  
at a greater depth below the sur-  
face. The phenomenon according  
to geologists is caused by the slip-  
ping of one layer of the earth's  
crust on another. At several of  
these cracks evidences of gas and  
oil are reported.

Representative Madison is the  
seventh member of Congress who  
has died since the convening of  
the extra session last April. The  
others were: Senator Frye of  
Maine and Representative Kipy of  
Pennsylvania, Representative Gor-  
don of Tennessee, Representative  
Mitchell of Kansas, Representa-  
tive Londenslager of New Jersey  
and Representative Latta of Ne-  
braska.

At the meeting of the republic-  
an congressional committee at  
Hutchinson, Monday, it was de-  
cided that a primary would be  
held on November tenth for the  
purpose of selecting a candidate  
for congressman from the Seventh  
District. The cost of the republic-  
an primary will be borne by the  
candidates, whose names in  
order to be on the ballots must be  
filed on or before October 20th.  
This is the same method employed  
in the Second District. It now  
appear that Judge Martin of  
Hutchinson and Dick Hopkins of  
Garden City will lead the field.

A peculiar thing these days  
with the republicans is the new  
term—compromise candidate. If  
there really were such a thing, it  
hardly seems probable that an in-  
surgent could muster enough  
nerve to go against the game, for  
the hatred of a regular for an in-  
surgent republican is becoming al-  
most traditional. The real status  
of the affair seems to be that a  
compromise candidate is one who  
will vote for the insurgents once  
in a while in Congress, and give  
all of the appointments over the  
district to the old stand-pat crowd.

S. S. Graybill of Hutchinson  
who is chairman of the Seventh  
District Congressional Committee  
is quoted as being against a pri-  
mary for the candidates for Con-  
gress at this time. He says the  
law makes no provisions for it,  
and he believes such a nomination  
would be illegal. Then, something  
else may have affected his decision  
in the matter. In the Second  
District where N. S. Guyer is  
chairman of the republican wing,  
the entrance fee to the primary  
was placed at \$3,000. Guyer was  
the only candidate, and it is said  
that it only cost him \$130. No  
compilation of his primary vote  
has been published, but Douglas  
county with a population of 24,-  
724, only 147 votes were cast. In  
many other places, the polls were  
never opened, and in the majority  
of the counties there were only  
two or three polls opened. The  
republicans of this district have  
not yet made public the ante re-  
quired to have a candidate's name  
placed on the ballot. It is even  
limited that if the price is not too  
stiff a Seward county man may be  
entered.

It is indeed to be hoped that the  
nominations for Congressman in  
the Seventh District will not de-  
velop into such a farce as the re-  
cent primary in the Second Dis-  
trict. The Kansas primary law,  
passed by the progressive republic-  
an legislature under the Stubbs  
administration last year provided  
for the primary in every case ex-  
cept for the nomination of success-  
ors for Congressmen. When the  
appointed time came in the Second  
District the republican committee,  
which was controlled by N. S.  
Guyer, announced that there  
would be no primary. A storm  
of protest followed and the com-  
mittee took water and conceded  
the primary. Now, there was no  
appropriation for such a special  
election, so the entrance fee was  
placed at \$3,000 per—just to get  
the candidates name on the ballot.  
Again, N. S. Guyer was the only  
candidate who would face the  
music and he will no doubt be the  
republican nominee, being the on-  
ly candidate at the primary. The  
democrats have lined up solid be-  
hind Joe Taggart, County Attor-  
ney of Wyandotte county. Tag-  
gart is a very capable man, has an  
excellent record and is in a good  
position to win. N. S. Guyer,  
by juggling the primary into a  
farce, has brought considerable  
unfavorable criticism upon him-  
self as well as upon the state ad-  
ministration, under whose sanc-  
tion the deal was put over. In-  
deed, it looks, from this angle, as  
though Joseph Taggart would be  
the next Congressman from the  
Second District.

### Our Melon Crop

In the northwest part of Seward  
county this year the seed melon  
crop will be an important feature  
of the farming industry. The  
old-time expression of "threshing  
the pumpkins" is this season be-  
ing almost realized in the process  
of melon seeding.

Floyd Barker and his father, A.  
Mr. Barker, who live in Pleasant  
Valley, 16 miles northwest of  
Liberal, were among the first in  
that neighborhood to attempt to  
raise a seed melon crop.

In 1909 they planted five acres  
in seed melons, and the crop made  
a wonderful yield. In 1910, about  
15 acres were planted, and again  
the crop turned out well. This  
year with their neighbors, Sol  
Burr and Harrison Steely, have  
150 acres of watermelons—all of  
them good to eat, too. F. O. Od-  
neal who is the postmaster at  
Oberlin, has 80 acres of melons this  
year, and expects to put in a  
greater acreage next season. There  
are several others in the county  
who have smaller crops of melons  
this year, but indications now  
point to a big acreage of water-  
melons for Seward county next  
year.

One tract of ten acres of the  
Light Icing variety have not yet  
been pulled. After measuring off  
a square rod, where the yield was  
an average, we counted fifty mel-  
ons. With this as a basis, it is es-  
timated that there were a trifle  
over 50,000 ripe watermelons on  
that plot alone. The most alluring  
real estate prospectus of the gulf  
coast could not produce a more  
beautiful and wonderful picture  
than this field of melons, 50,000 of  
them, glistening in the bright  
morning sun; and this was only  
1-15 of the entire crop.

As soon as the melons are ripe,  
they are pulled and thrown into a  
wagon and hauled to the seeder.  
They are broken open, thrown in-  
to the hopper, where two large  
rollers crush the pieces, which  
pass into a long cylinder of coarse  
screening, with a quarter inch  
mesh. The seed drop through the  
mesh in the screen, and are carried  
by an elevator to one side of the  
wagon. The pulp and rind is taken  
up by another elevator and carried  
over the other side of the wagon.  
The seed must then be washed in  
large vats, and placed in long dry-  
ing trays in the sun. These dry-  
ing trays are twelve feet long and  
two feet wide, the bottom being  
ordinary screening such as is used

on doors and windows. A few  
hours in the sun, and the seed is  
ready for the shed. It is later run  
through a fanning mill, sacked  
and shipped to eastern seed houses.  
The rinds make excellent feed for  
stock, and are especially good for  
the milch cows. Mr. Odneal says  
his cows fed at the rind pile all  
last fall, and did well on that feed.  
Floyd Barker says he has found  
June the best month for planting.  
Of course, seasons may vary the  
rule, but from June 1 to July 1,  
is the best time. He prefers sec-  
ond sod, as his best crops have  
been grown on that kind of a field.  
This year, he disced the sod well,  
and planted the melons with an  
ordinary planter. Other work  
took much of his time the next  
two months, and he did not have  
time to cultivate the melons once  
this year. Since most of the crop  
is seeded, he says the yield will  
run from 200 to 250 pounds to  
the acre. He will receive 15 cents  
per lb. for his best seed and 12 1/2  
cents for the balance. This will  
give him a net profit of about \$27  
per acre for his melon crop. He  
will try to double the acreage  
next year.

There are numerous varieties of  
melons in these crops mentioned.  
Mr. Odneal has the Monte Christo  
while the others have the Rattle  
Snake, Arkansas Traveler, Round  
Icing, Long Light Icing, Keeloley  
Sweets, Florida Favorite and Tom  
Watson. One of the best flavored  
melons is the Light Icing, yet the  
melon does not sell well on the  
open market. The melon buying  
public prefers the dark green mel-  
ons, for what reason, no one  
knows—but they do, just the same.

The trip through the melon dis-  
trict was made with the big Win-  
ton touring car of John W. Baugh-  
man. T. W. Hubbard who has  
written quite a lot about south-  
western Kansas, and Walter Ford  
of the Baughman office, completed  
the party.

### The Higher Education

In the opinion of a great many  
persons less attention is paid now-  
adays to instruction in the arts of  
cookery and altogether too much  
to what is called "higher educa-  
tion." This is an interesting  
question. What is higher educa-  
tion? It generally means a thin  
veneer of so-called "culture,"  
spread over an intellectual soil  
that has not been prepared to re-  
ceive and absorb it. One might  
as well spread a costly fertilizer  
over a rough prairie without first  
plowing and sowing and then ex-  
pect to gather a harvest.

The real higher education con-  
tains a great many branches of  
learning of far greater importance  
than abstract philosophy and  
Greek roots. The French, who  
rank among the really wise people  
of the earth have long since ac-  
cording to culinary lore a high  
place in their national curriculum,  
and consequently the professors of  
cookery, taking a just pride in  
their calling, have repaid France  
a hundred times over for her rec-  
ognition of their importance.

Let us give to the culinary art  
the respect which it deserves,  
teach the rising generation that  
a good cook is a personage of dis-  
tinction and, above all, imitate the  
French in their gastronomic mod-  
eration and appreciation, and we  
shall have less trouble in our  
kitchens.—New York Herald.

### Foley's Kidney Remedy Vs. A Hopeless Case

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headache, biliousness, in-  
digestion, rheumatism,  
pimples, blotches, yellow  
complexion, etc., are all  
signs of poisons in your  
blood. These poisons  
should be driven out, or  
serious illness may result.  
To get rid of them, use

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vegetable, liver medicine.

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Spartanburg, S. C., says:  
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years. I felt bad most of  
the time. I tried Thed-  
ford's Black-Draught, and  
now I feel better than  
when I was 16 years old."  
Your druggist sells it, in  
25 cent packages.

Insist on Thedford's

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the banker quicker than any-  
thing else, because it means  
that you have decided to be-  
come a part of the commu-  
nity in which you live. Thus  
almost before you start you  
find the ownership of a home  
carries a significance. Start  
it today you'll be glad if  
you do and sorry if you don't.  
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lumber we'll be waiting for  
you, because we have just  
the lumber you will need, be-  
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that may be helpful to you—  
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will receive sealed bids for the sale of the  
following described real estate exclusive of  
the building thereon heretofore used as a Jail  
Building. The north thirty-five feet of Lots  
No. 11 and 12 in Block No. 35 Liberal, Kansas.  
At the same time said board will receive sealed  
bids for the sale of the above mentioned  
Building now located on said lots.  
Terms of sale cash in hand, and the board  
reserves the right to reject any or all bids.  
Proposals for the purchase of either of the  
above described properties will be received  
until 12 o'clock noon of October 2nd 1911.  
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